

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Original)** An automatic transmission apparatus for a vehicle comprising:
 an operating inputting apparatus having a select lever for changing a range position of an automatic transmission;
 a power assisting apparatus adding an assisting force to an operating force input to the operating inputting apparatus so as to output to the automatic transmission;
 a first transmitting means for transmitting the operating force from the operating inputting apparatus to the power assisting apparatus; and
 a second transmitting means for transmitting an output force from the power assisting apparatus to the automatic transmission,
 wherein the operating inputting apparatus is provided in a vehicle body member near a steering wheel, and the power assisting apparatus is provided in a vehicle body member in the vicinity of the passenger's foot, and wherein the operating inputting apparatus and the power assisting apparatus are arranged apart from one another.

2. **(Original)** The automatic transmission apparatus for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the power assisting apparatus is provided with an operating force detecting means for detecting an operating force input to the operating inputting apparatus, a position detecting means for detecting a rotation position of an output shaft outputting an assisting force in addition to the operation force to the automatic transmission, and a controller for stopping the output shaft at a stop position of the output shaft in correspondence to each of preset range positions of the automatic transmission.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The automatic transmission apparatus for a vehicle according to ~~claim 1 or 2~~ claim 1, wherein the operating force detecting means has a rotation shaft detecting the operating force transmitted by the first transmitting means as a rotational torque, and the output shaft is arranged on the same axis as the rotation shaft.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The automatic transmission apparatus for a vehicle according to ~~claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the position detecting means is provided with a detector fixed to an output gear mounted to the output shaft, and a resistance substrate with which a contact point of the detector is brought into slidable contact, and a mounting portion of the detector mounted to the output gear is integrally formed by an insulative material.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The automatic transmission apparatus for a vehicle according to ~~claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the operating inputting apparatus is provided in an instrument panel, and the power assisting apparatus is provided in a dash panel or a floor panel.

6. **(New)** The automatic transmission apparatus for a vehicle according to claim 2, wherein the operating force detecting means has a rotation shaft detecting the operating force transmitted by the first transmitting means as a rotational torque, and the output shaft is arranged on the same axis as the rotation shaft.

7. **(New)** The automatic transmission apparatus for a vehicle according to claim 2, wherein the position detecting means is provided with a detector fixed to an output gear mounted to the output shaft, and a resistance substrate with which a contact point of the detector is brought into slidable contact, and a mounting portion of the detector mounted to the output gear is integrally formed by an insulative material.

8. **(New)** The automatic transmission apparatus for a vehicle according to claim 3, wherein the position detecting means is provided with a detector fixed to an output gear mounted to the output shaft, and a resistance substrate with which a contact point of the detector is brought into slidable contact, and a mounting portion of the detector mounted to the output gear is integrally formed by an insulative material.

9. **(New)** The automatic transmission apparatus for a vehicle according to claim 2, wherein the operating inputting apparatus is provided in an instrument panel, and the power assisting apparatus is provided in a dash panel or a floor panel.

10. (New) The automatic transmission apparatus for a vehicle according to claim 3, wherein the operating inputting apparatus is provided in an instrument panel, and the power assisting apparatus is provided in a dash panel or a floor panel.

11. (New) The automatic transmission apparatus for a vehicle according to claim 4, wherein the operating inputting apparatus is provided in an instrument panel, and the power assisting apparatus is provided in a dash panel or a floor panel.